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SUBJ: SOUTH AFRICAN INFLUENCE IN LESOTHO

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1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH AMB BENNETT NOV 6 IN WHICH HE SPOKE OF SAG INFLUENCE ON LESOTHO (PARA 3 REFTEL), LESOTHO PERMREP MOLAPO CITED SEVERAL SPECIFIC CASES WHERE SAG "BOUGHT" GOL OFFICIALS.

2. HE SAID THAT DISMISSAL EARLY THIS YEAR OF ONE CABINET MINISTER WAS ANNOUNCED "COVERED BY PRETTY WORDS", BUT WAS ACTUALLY BECAUSE MINISTER WAS IN PAY OF SOUTH AFRICANS.

3. HE SAID THAT HEAD OF POLICE FORCE WAS ALSO PAID BY SAG.

4. GAVE THIRD EXAMBPLE OF HIGH-RANKING INFORMATION OFFICER WHO SOME YEARS BEFORE HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN SOUTH AFRICA IN THEFT OF SEVERAL THOUSAND RAND WORTH OF CIGARETTES. FOR
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WHAT GOL CONSIDERS "POLITICAL" REASONS, SAG HAS CONTINUED

SEEKING TO EXTRADITE HIM, EVEN TO TIME OF RECENTLY (?)
CONCLUDED EXTRADITION TREATY. MOLAPO SAID CLAUSE IN
TREATY ON NON-RETROACTIVITY WAS INSISTED UPON TO COVER
JUST SUCH CASES. SOME TIME IN RECENT PAST, THIS OFFICER
WAS OFFERED LEADER GRANT BY USG, BUT SCARED ACCEPT SINCE
HE FACED ARREST TRANSITING SOUTH AFRICA. GOL LATER LEARNED
HE WAS OFFERED IMMUNITY IN EXCHANGE FOR INTELLIGENCE
ACTIVITIES. IMPLYING MAN STILL IN GOL, MOLAPO SAID HE
FEEDS "EVERYTHING" TO SAG, SUCH AS INFORMATION RESULTING
FROM HIS PARTICIPATION IN DRAFTING OF PRESS RELEASES.
INDIVIDUAL ALLEGEDLY REPORTS ATTITUDES OF OTHER GOVERNMENT
OFFICERS WHO COLLABORATE IN RELEASES, "TELLING WHICH ONE
WANTED STRONGER LANGUAGE AND WHICH Milder".

5. WE NOT SURE HOW MUCH OF ABOVE MAY BE WIDELY KNOWN IN
MASERU OR WHETHER IT CAN BE LINKED READILY WITH SPECIFIC
FIGURES IN GOL, BUT SUBMIT IT AS RATHER CANDID COMMENT BY
MOLAPO.
BENNETT

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